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Sent on behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG GOC

Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 23 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with the need-to-know.

BLUF

- **Edmonton Police Service handed out 109 violations during the 22 Feb protest in front of the Legislature on 22 Feb. [Link](#)**
- **Dozens of convoy supporters are regrouping in Embrun, Arnprior and Vankleek Hill. [Link](#)**
- **On 22 Feb, convoy demonstrators in Winnipeg started packing up after receiving a letter from Police. [Link](#)**
- **Canadian banks froze about \$7.8 million in just over 200 accounts. [Link](#)**
- **On 22 Feb, a message was sent to Heads of federal departments and agencies from the Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer. (see attached)**
- **A new section "Planned Demonstrations" has been added to this report.**
- **Impacts to CI, with live data from the City of Ottawa: [Convoy webmap](#).**

IMPACTED AREAS (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- There are approximately 100 protest vehicles staged on a few private sites outside of the downtown core. [Link](#)
- As of 22 Feb, the Ottawa Police Service reports that there have been 196 demonstrators arrested with a total of 391 charges, and 115 vehicles towed. [Link](#)
- More financial sanctions and criminal charges can be expected in the near future as investigations continue. [Link](#)
- Of those arrested:
 - One of the convoy organizers, remains in jail pending a bail decision. [Link](#)
 - Another organizer was denied bail as judge noted “grave” nature of charges. [Link](#)
- Police are reducing the size of the Secured Area (see attached). It now includes:
 - Laurier Avenue to Parliament Hill
 - Bronson Avenue to the Rideau Canal
- OPS is reminding all those living and working in the Secured Area – to please have their ID on them at all times, to facilitate their movement within the area.
- The current status of the interprovincial bridges is as follows:
 - MacDonald Cartier Bridge is open.
 - Alexandra Bridge is open.
 - Portage Bridge is closed southbound (except for essential workers with ID).
 - Chaudière Bridge is open.
 - Champlain Bridge is open.
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Edmonton, AB:

- During the afternoon of 22 Feb, roughly 225 vehicles and 1,500 pedestrians participated in a demonstration in Edmonton in front of the Legislature. The protest began to disperse at approximately 16:00 MST, and the closed roads have reopened.
- Edmonton Police Service handed out 109 violations during the protest. [Link](#)
- The City of Edmonton Emergency Operations Centre and the provincial operation center have reduced their response levels.

Winnipeg, MB:

- On 22 Feb, Winnipeg police delivered a letter to the protest organizers saying all protest-related vehicles, trailers and tractors in the area of the Provincial Legislature must leave by 17:00 23 Feb. Demonstrators started packing up on the evening of 22 Feb. [Link](#)
- The peaceful demonstration will continue on a smaller scale, without vehicles, in nearby Memorial Park. [Link](#)

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS LINKED TO “FREEDOM CONVOY” (derived from Open Sources)

Nationwide:

- “Freedom Chain”: A call out to hold hands or link arms across Canada, using the Trans-Canada Highway is planned for 05 Mar. It is unclear at this time if this event will impact POEs or critical infrastructure. [Link](#)

National Capital Region:

- Dozens of convoy supporters are regrouping in Embrun, Arnprior and Vankleek Hill. [Link](#)

New Brunswick:

- “Eastcoast Hold Line,” is scheduled to occur on 24 Feb in Rothesay, NB.

Newfoundland:

- Convoy and rally is being organized for 26 to 28 Feb commencing in Port-aux Basques and ending in St. John’s.

Saskatchewan:

- Additional events being planned for 26 to 27 Feb.

Québec :

- “LE CONVOI DE LA LIBERTÉ 2022” is scheduled for 05 Mar. The specific location is unknown at this time.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE):

- **As per ITAC:**
 - Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
 - The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
 - The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
 - IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- NSTR

Maritime/CCG:

- NSTR

Foreign Interference:

RRM Canada saw no significant change in the last 24 hours, and therefore has no additional input to the information below.

- RRM Canada has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- Prominent discussions online remain focused on issues surrounding the *Emergencies Act* and the actions taken by authorities. A significant portion of this discussion continues to come from domestic and transnational communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.
- US-based influencers, alternative media and political actors have been active in this discussion and continue to drive engagement online.
- Given the transnational nature of this discussion, international networks and state-aligned media (e.g. those aligned with the Indian, Chinese and Russian governments) are still active in their engagement with the discussions surrounding the "Trucker's Convoy," but are still operating at low levels compared with overall activity.

Financing:

- FINTRAC is working closely with businesses and its Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Regime partners to implement the *Emergency Economic Measures Order*. This includes facilitating the registration with FINTRAC of crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers if they are in possession or control of property that is owned, held, or controlled by, or on behalf of, an individual or entity that is engaged, directly or indirectly, in an activity which is prohibited under the *Emergency Measures Regulations*.

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- No concerns at this time.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (Derived from information available on open sources)

- Multiple peaceful freedom events are planned for the coming weekends across Canada. It is unclear at this time if those events will impact ports of entry or CI.
- Some protesters have relocated on private properties outside of downtown Ottawa. Their intentions are unclear at this time.

Thank you.

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Please note that I do not expect a response in the evenings, weekends or during your time off, unless there is an urgent situation in which we are both involved.

Veillez noter que je n'attends pas de réponse le soir, le week-end ou pendant vos temps libres, sauf en cas de situation urgente qui nous concerne tous les deux.